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Let's Work Together to Make Sure Our Community Remains Safe



We are experiencing tremendous growth as a city. This growth brings both opportunities and challenges. Some of the challenges are complicated issues based on historical systems and contemporary considerations. They include housing affordability, mobility and community-police options relations. I recognize that some of these

are not new issues and that there is fatigue among some members of our community. I am very hopeful that, working together, we can address these challenges and come out the other side stronger and more unified as a community.

I am grateful to our hardworking police officers. Policing is a necessary and noble profession. It requires a level of responsibility on officers' part to ensure the fair administration of justice to our community, particularly in moments of crisis, so all are safe and treated with respect. There is no perfect police officer – just like there is no perfect city manager, no perfect lawyer, no perfect elected official and no perfect clergy person. Every profession has its challenges, but we all must be held accountable for our actions. Our police officers will hold accountable those individuals who violate the law. Our officers likewise must be held accountable to a high level of professionalism. I will always hold myself and the City's 1,500 employees accountable to the public it serves.

Accountability must include community voice. As we work to strengthen community-police relations, we need to continue to collaborate. We need real conversations with specific goals and measurable outcomes so we all understand expectations for what is asked and needed of us. Interim Police Chief David Kiddle and I have met with community members, and I know there are others we need to meet with to be inclusive and sensitive to issues that are impacting our community.

These conversations will help guide me as I search for a police chief. I want a police chief who is tough on crime, culturally competent and an innovative leader. Our next police chief will keep our community safe, have the commitment and conviction to proactively address our challenges and be comfortable making tough decisions. These qualities are paramount to strengthening trust between our community and our police department.

The 2020 Preliminary Fiscal Plan is an opportunity to operationalize better community-police relations. I have listened to community calls for greater engagement regarding the Civilian Appeals Board as well as concerns about the appropriate staffing levels in our police department. I plan to share potential investments with the City Commission this month as we unveil the Preliminary Fiscal Plan. Budget discussions also will focus on enhancing areas of our Strategic Plan, and public safety is one of them.

In challenging times, I always lean back on values because values don't change regardless of the challenges. As an organization, we value accountability, collaboration, customer service, equity, innovation and sustainability. These values will guide our work to strengthen communitypolice relations and public safety so all people feel and are indeed safe at all times throughout our community.

In partnership, Mark Washington, City Manager

City Plans \$14.6 Million in Road and Sidewalk Projects

As we begin our sixth season of ramped-up road construction, you again can expect to see improvements to streets and sidewalks near you this summer. Thanks to the Vital Streets millage, approved by voters like you, the City will have completed preventative maintenance and reconstruction on 365 miles of streets since 2014. Grand Rapids has gone from 37 percent of streets in good or fair condition to 61 percent thanks to the Vital Streets program.

The City Commission is reviewing the road construction plan for July through June 2020. If the plan is adopted and carried out, it brings the total miles of Streets improved over the past six years to 396. The City has inspected and repaired roughly 25 percent of the 870-mile sidewalk network. We have been busy making a \$11.9 million investment at 64 locations over the past year. We are planning improvements on an additional 31 miles of streets this coming fiscal year with an investment of \$12.8 million at 61 locations. In addition, we plan to dedicate a total of \$1.8 million for various sidewalk repair and construction projects in all three city wards.

Vital Streets projects are backed by a voter-approved plan in 2014 that extended a local income tax levy for 15 years. Vital Street investment, along with a road funding

commitment by the State of Michigan, ensures that 70 percent of Grand Rapids city streets reach fair to good condition within 15 years.

SCHEDULED Vital Streets Construction Projects

Note: This is a partial list of 2019 road construction projects with no start dates set to date. Street projects, listed in alphabetical order, may be carried over to the next construction season. Additional street paving projects conducted by the City's Public Works Department are still being identified and prioritized, so they are not included in the following list:

Rotomill/Resurfacing

- Alexander St. SE Eastern Ave. to Gibson Place
- Alten Ave. NE Lyon St. to Michigan St.
- Alto Ave. SE Griggs St. to Dickinson St.
- Ardmore St. SE Madison Ave. to Union Ave.
- Atlantic Ave. NW Valley Ave. to Van Buren Ave.
- Auburn Ave. NE Sweet St. to North End
- Baldwin St. SE Packard Ave. to Eastern Ave.
- Bates St. SE Dolbee Ave. to Fuller Ave. • Boston St. SE – Blaine Ave. to Kalamazoo Ave.
- Broadway Ave. NW Bridge St. to Leonard St.

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Vital Streets

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- Cadillac Drive SE Hall St. to Alexander St. and Pontiac Road to Franklin St.
- Capen St. NE Houseman Ave. to Diamond Ave.
- Carlton Ave. SE Wealthy St. to Lake Drive
- Coit Ave. NE North Park St. to Four Mile Road
- College Ave. SE Woodlawn St. to Howard St.
- Cottage Grove St. SE Blaine Ave. to Kalamazoo Ave.
- Crescent St. NE Grand Ave. to Fuller Ave.
- Dallas Ave. SE Hall St. to Watkins St.
- Dunham St. SE Giddings Ave. to Ethel Ave.
- Eastern Ave. SE Hall St. to Franklin St.
- Eleanor St. NE Plainfield Ave. to Diamond Ave.
- Evelyn St. NE West Dead End to Diamond Ave.
- Evergreen St. SE Eastern Ave. to Blaine Ave.
- Eureka Ave. SE Logan St. to Wealthy St.
- Fairmount St. SE Diamond Ave. to Carroll Ave.
- Fairmount St. SE Eastern Ave. to Diamond Ave.
- Fulton St. West Lake Michigan Drive to the Grand River
- Grand Ave. NE Michigan St. to Hake St.
- Griggs St. SE Alto Ave. to Newark Ave.
- Hake St. NE Eastern Ave. to Diamond Ave.
- Hall St. SE Division Ave. to Jefferson Ave.
- Heritage Commons St. SE Heritage Circle to Lafayette Ave.
- Hollister Ave. SE Wealthy St. to Fairmount St.
- Houseman Ave. NE Michigan St. to Hake St.
- Innes St. NE Union Ave. to Grand Ave.
- Jennette Ave. NW Seventh St. to Ninth St. and 11th St. to 12th St.
- John Ball Park Drive NW Fulton St. to Lake Michigan Drive
- Lafayette Ave. NE Michigan St. to Hastings St.
- Linden Ave. SE Burton St. to Elliott St.
- Lockwood St. NE Grand Ave. to Eastern Ave.
- Mack Ave. NE Fountain St. to Lyon St.
- Mack Ave. NE Fulton St. to Fountain St.
- Market Ave. SW Westbound I-196 on-ramp to 200 feet west of Plaster Creek and Coit Ave. to Wealthy St.
- Marshall Ave. SE Hazen St. to Burton St.
- Mason St. NE Fuller Ave. to Ball Ave.
- Michigan St. NE Leffingwell Ave. to Greenwich Road
- Neland Ave. SE Dunham St. to Sherman St.
- Nelson Ave. SE South End to Orville St.
- North Park St. NE Monroe Ave. to Coit Ave.
- Northlawn St. NE Plainfield Ave. to Fuller Ave.
- Orville St. SE Silver Ave. to Kalamazoo Ave.
- Packard Ave. SE Cherry St. to Lake Drive
- Paris Ave. SE Alger St. to Ardmore St.
- Prospect Ave. NE Fountain St. to Lyon St.
- Prospect Ave. NE Lyon St. to Michigan St.
- Prospect Ave. SE Wealthy St. to Cherry St.
- Silver Ave. SE Burton St. to Elliott St.
- Silver Ave. SE Elliott St. to Orville St.
- Spencer St. NE West of Benjamin Ave. to Ball Ave
- Thomas St. SE Madison Ave. to Eastern Ave.
- Virginia St. SE Eureka Ave. to Diamond Ave.
- Warren Ave. SE Fairmount St. to Cherry St.

• Youell Ave. SE – Robinson Road to Milton St.

OTHER ROAD PROJECTS

- Allerton Ave. SE Adams St. to Hall St. (water main, reconstruction)
- Bridge St. NW North Park and Ann St. bridges over the Grand River (preventative maintenance)
- Dayton St. SW Valley Ave. to Garfield Ave. (water main, reconstruction)
- Division Ave. South Cherry St. to Fulton St. (street lighting improvements)
- Division Ave. South Wealthy St. to Cherry St. (reconstruction)
- Emerald Ave. NE Arbor St. to Leonard St. (water main, reconstruction)
- Griggs St. SE Plymouth Ave. to Hutchinson Ave. (water main, reconstruction)
- Hall St. SE Kalamazoo Ave. to east of Sylvan Ave. (reconstruction)
- Hastings St. NE Fairview Ave. to Prospect Ave. (water main, sanitary and storm sewer, reconstruction)
- Hovey St. SW Valley Ave. to Garfield Ave. (water main, reconstruction)



- Ionia Ave. NW Michigan St. to westbound I-196 on-ramp (reconstruction) and new Ionia-Division Ave. intersection
- Lake Michigan Drive NW Fulton St. to Garfield Ave. (water main, reconstruction)
- Lane Ave. NW Sibley St. to Jackson St. (water main, reconstruction)
- Livingston Ave. NE Hastings St. to Newberry St. (water main, reconstruction)
- Lyon St. NE Mack Ave. to Fuller Ave. (water main, rotomill/resurfacing)
- Madison Ave. SE Cottage Grove St. to Adams St. (reconstruction)
- Madison Ave. SE Franklin St. to Wealthy St. (water main, sanitary sewer, rotomill/resurfacing)
- Mason St. NW Monroe Ave. to Division Ave. (water main, sanitary and storm sewer, reconstruction)
- Michigan St. NE-College Ave. intersection (safety improvements, reconstruction)

 Ottawa Ave. NW – Mason St. to Walbridge St. (water main, sanitary and storm sewer, reconstruction)

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- Park St. SW Valley Ave. to Garfield Ave. (water main, reconstruction)
- Seward Ave. NW at I-196 (lighting improvements)
- Stevens St. SW Randolph Ave. to Division Ave. (water main, reconstruction)
- Umatilla St. SE Madison Ave. to Union Ave. (water main, sanitary and storm sewer, reconstruction)
- Valley Ave. SW Butterworth Ave. to Fulton St. (water main, reconstruction)
- Watson St. SW Valley Ave. to Garfield Ave. (water main, reconstruction)
- Worden St. SE Madison Ave. to Eastern Ave. (water main, sanitary and storm sewer, reconstruction)
- Ottawa Ave. SW extension Oakes St. to Cherry St. (construction)
- Rumsey St. SW Oakland Ave. to Grandville Ave. (water main, sanitary and storm sewer, reconstruction)
- Three Mile Road NE Monroe Ave. to Coit Ave. and Northwood St. to Plainfield Ave. (sidewalk)
- Three Mile Road NE Fuller Ave. to east city limits (bike lanes, sidewalk, resurfacing)

SCHEDULED Vital Streets Sidewalk Projects

- The repair and replacement of sidewalks throughout Grand Rapids neighborhoods is an important part of the Vital Streets program. This summer, the City will:
- Invest \$250,000 in the installation of sidewalks on Three Mile Road NE from Monroe Ave. to Coit Ave.
- Dedicate \$200,000 for ADA ramp improvements on sidewalks across the city
- Reserve \$450,000 to address miscellaneous sidewalk repairs and requests
- Focus on systematic sidewalk inspection and repairs totaling \$900,000 \$300,000 in each ward in an effort to upgrade complete neighborhoods and improve the existing sidewalk network. Current conditions of sidewalks will dictate how many miles can be inspected and repaired in each ward. The 2019 contract areas are outlined below.

First Ward – Work generally will occur within three areas: The first and second locations will be in the Richmond Oakleigh neighborhood with the work locations generally bounded by west city limits, Leonard St. NW, Milo St. and Oakleigh Ave. The second location is bounded by Parkhurst Ave., Leonard St., Walker Ave. and Oakgrove St. The third location will be in the West Grand neighborhood bounded by Richmond St., Alpine Ave., Tamarack Ave. and Thornapple Court. Work is scheduled to be performed July to August.

Second Ward – Work will be performed in the Highland Park and Midtown neighborhoods. The work generally will occur within the general area bounded by Michigan St. NE, College Ave., Diamond Ave. and Leonard St. Work is scheduled to be performed April to June.

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Third Ward – Work will be performed in the South East Community, Heritage Hill, South Hill and Madison Area neighborhoods. The work generally will occur within the general area bounded by Wealthy St. SE, Jefferson Ave., Highland St. and Union Ave. Work is scheduled to be performed September to November.

City inspectors will be in each neighborhood marking the sidewalks to be replaced. Properties that have sidewalk repairs in sections that cross through their driveways will get a 48-hour notice posted to their property informing of them of the upcoming work and expected duration the driveway will be unavailable. The duration of work performed in front of any home will average one week, which includes removal, forming of sidewalks, pouring of concrete and restoration of lawns.

Partner With Your Police Department to Build Relationships and Trust

The Grand Rapids Police Department (GRPD) invites you to participate in the final session of its Speed of Trust initiative. The session is set for Thursday, May 16. Spots are available for morning (8 a.m. to noon), afternoon (1 to 5 p.m.) and evening (6 to 10 p.m.).

The session is interactive and includes a 1:1 ratio of police officers and community members where attention is directed toward objectives instead of suspicion about others' intentions. The session helps community members and police officers identify and address "trust gaps" in community-police relations. During the session, you're paired with a police officer to continue relationship building. After the four-hour session, you're asked to speak to your police officer partner for at least 10 minutes once a week for six weeks. Partners in previous sessions also have met for coffee and participated in ridealongs together.

GRPD Sgt. Dan Adams, Speed of Trust coordinator, said 175 community members already have participated in the program to cultivate trust, continue dialogue and build relationships.



"The relationships we have made during this program have had an impact on our promise to provide progressive, professional and responsive service to our community," Adams said.

If you're interested in participating in the Speed of Trust session, email TrustGRPD@grcity.us and provide your name, email address and session time preference.

Attention, Voters: Clerk's Office Has Important Information for You

The City Clerk's Office wants to thank all of you who voted in the November election. Our city set a record 56 percent turnout for the midterm elections. With that momentum, the Clerk's Office is gearing up for this year's elections.

Election days are set for:

May 7 – All Kentwood Public Schools voters in precincts 51, 54, 56, 57 and 58 will vote at Brookside Christian Reformed Church, 3600 Kalamazoo Ave. SE.

August 6 – City primary election for mayor, First, Second and Third Ward city commissioners and Library Board. The filing deadline for these offices is April 23. If interested, pick up a candidate packet in the Clerk's Office on the second floor of City Hall, 300 Monroe Ave. NW.

November 5 – City general election for mayor, First, Second and Third Ward city commissioners and Library Board.

Last November, Michigan voters approved Proposal 3, which changes a host of election laws:

Absentee voting – All registered voters are now eligible to receive an absentee ballot without a reason. To receive an absentee ballot, you need to fill out an application before each election. If you want to be placed on a permanent absentee voter list to receive an application before each election, contact the Clerk's Office at 616.456.3010 or cityclerk@grcity.us or sign up at grandrapidsmi.gov/avlist.



Straight party voting – The option to vote the partisan section of the ballot by selecting the party only has been restored.

Voter registration – Residents who are at least 18 are automatically registered to vote when they make a transaction with the Secretary of State. Voters may choose to cancel their registration. Eligible voters may register by mail up to 15 days before an election or register in person at the Clerk's Office within 14 days of the election. Voters need to prove residency in the city.

Need a passport or notary services?

The Clerk's Office also is reminding you about its passport and notary services. If you or a family member need a passport, please make an appointment with the Clerk's Office by calling 616.456.3010.

If you need a document notarized, the City Clerk's staff can assist you. The fee for notarization is \$5 per signature. You can learn more about these services and all the Clerk's Office has to offer at grandrapidsmi.gov/clerk

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Neighborhood Summit Lifts Up Resident Voice and **Power**

Residents and community stakeholders who attended the largest-ever Grand Rapids Neighborhood Summit gave the annual event high praise. With more than 560 attendees, it attracted the most diverse group of attendees ever.

The planning team received numerous positive comments about the welcoming energy and community spirit of the event throughout the day and afterward. The City appreciates the near-perfect marks given by attendees, who said Summit not only strongly met their expectations but that they'd strongly recommend it to others.

The theme of this year's event — Connecting Our Stories - Connecting Our Power — spoke to the power of reclaiming and sharing our personal and community stories. Along with opening remarks by Mayor Rosalynn Bliss and others, the event kickoff also included presentations by the local Anishinaabe community drum Wandering Nation, a land recognition statement by the Native American Advisory Council of Grand Valley State University and a fun and interactive keynote by local theater company Mixed Roots Collective.

Guests selected up to three of the 18 fantastic workshops to attend. The closing session opened with remarks by sponsor Consumers Energy and a call to action from City Manager Mark Washington. Washington told attendees: "Some neighborhoods have dreams while some experience nightmares." He encouraged them to connect,

learn together and lead for positive change.

Residents who led projects in the past year funded by the City's Neighborhood Match Fund were recognized on stage for their leadership and community dedication. A travel song by Wandering Nation closed out the Summit before guests, speakers and organizers transitioned to a community celebration to continue conversations and express appreciation for making Summit such a success.

"The praise and rave reviews gained this year are a credit to the planning team who coordinates these events," said Stacy Stout, assistant to the city manager and chair of the Summit planning committee. "It focuses on creating a transformational and inclusive learning experience for guests."

Stout added that the numerous special touches and offerings were made possible by the planning team's dedication, leadership and creativity and by the support of Summit sponsors: City of Grand Rapids, Consumers Energy, GVSU Division of Inclusion & Equity, Mobile GR, Grand Rapids Public Schools, Wege Foundation, GRCC, West Michigan Works!, Rene Guzman Realtor, Downtown Grand Rapids Inc., Spectrum Health and West Michigan Environmental Action Council.

Make sure you to like and follow the Grand Rapids Neighborhood Summit on Facebook (@GRNeighborhoodSummit) and Twitter (@GRNSummit) for important event updates and related material throughout the year.





Join Us for the Annual Mayor's Greening Initiative Tree Planting and Giveaway

Love getting your hands dirty and making a difference in our community? If so, we can use your help. Volunteer registration is now open for the annual Mayor's Greening Initiative tree planting, which is Saturday, April 27 in the neighborhood surrounding Roosevelt Park, located off Grandville Avenue SW. The two-day Mayor's Greening Initiative event features a neighborhood tree planting and free tree giveaway for residents.

The tree planting activities take 9 to 11 a.m. April 27. All ages are invited to volunteer and plant trees. No

experience is necessary and all tools are provided. Register at friendsofgrparks.org/events. John Ball Zoo, a Mayor's Greening Initiative partner, is giving all volunteers a day pass to the zoo for planting trees during the event.

The tree giveaway takes place 6 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 26 at Roosevelt Park, 739 Van Raalte Drive SW. City of Grand Rapids residents are encouraged to come to the park, select a free tree of their choice and plant it on their property. Trees are provided by Bartlett Tree Experts and Lack's Enterprises.

The Mayor's Greening Initiative is a partnership of the Mayor's Office, Friends of Grand Rapids Parks and the City's Forestry Department as a way to engage the entire community in reaching our city's 40 percent tree canopy goal. This year's effort will bring together community and corporate volunteers who will plant up to 300 trees near Roosevelt Park and Southwest Community Elementary. This tree planting coincides with Arbor Day – a holiday in which people around the world are encouraged to plant and care for trees.

Interested in Composting?

The City is bolstering its commitment to sustainability by developing a registered composting facility at its yard waste drop-off site. The City Commission recently approved an agreement with a third-party operator for the composting facility, which will be the only one in operation in the Grand Rapids area.

The drop-off site will continue to accept only yard waste but will compost material onsite instead of having it transported it to another registered facility. This material is essential in making a high-quality compost that can be used to support local farming and residential soils.

Composting operations at the drop-off site at 2001 Butterworth St. SW are expected to start this spring.









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FULL COURSE

Gain confidence riding your bicycle in traffic with a Certified Cycling Instructor! Take the full Smart Cycling course in one day or in a 4 class series. The full course includes Bicycling Basics 101 and 201, Safety Maneuver Drills and a Road Ride. We'll cover topics including how your bicycle works, your gear, and riding behavior. You also have the option to add certification by passing a written test and a road test. Bring your bicycle and helmet as they're required to participate.

FULL COURSE	DATES	TIME(S)	LOCATION(S)	COST
FOUR-DAY COURSE I	TUESDAYS	6:00 - 8:30 PM	201 MARKET AVE SW	COURSE ONLY: \$50
	JUNE 4, 11, 18, 25			COURSE AND CERTIFICATION TESTS: \$80
FOUR-DAY COURSE II	MONDAYS	6:00 - 8:30 PM	201 MARKET AVE SW	COURSE ONLY: \$50
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FOUR-DAY COURSE III	AUGUST 8, 15, 22, 29	NOON - 2:30 PM	201 MARKET AVE SW	COURSE AND CERTIFICATION TESTS: \$80
ONE DAY COURCE I	SATURDAY	0.00 AM 7.00 DM	201 MARKET AVE CM	COURSE ONLY: \$50
ONE-DAY COURSE I	JUNE 8	8:00 AM - 6:00 PM	201 MARKET AVE SW	COURSE AND CERTIFICATION TESTS: \$80
ONE DAY COURCE II	ONE-DAY COURSE II SATURDAY JULY 20 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM 20		201 MARKET AVE CM	COURSE ONLY: \$50
UNE-DAY COURSE II			201 MARKET AVE SW	COURSE AND CERTIFICATION TESTS: \$80

SMART CYCLING - SINGLE CLASSES

If you would rather take a single class without the safety drills, road ride, or certification, you can join us for a single day class.

SINGLE CLASS	DATE(S)	TIME(S)	LOCATION(S)	COST
BICYCLING BASICS 101	JUNE 4.			
Learn the basics of bicycle riding! We'll cover choosing the right bicycle, fitting your bicycle and helmet, learning the ABC Quick Check procedure and the rules of the road. Bring your bicycle and helmet as they are required to participate.	JULY 8, OR AUGUST 8	6:00 - 8:30 PM	201 MARKET AVE SW	SINGLE CLASS: \$20
BICYCLING BASICS 201 Learn skills for riding in traffic! We'll cover scanning, signaling, shifting, and more. You'll learn how to clean your chain and where to position yourself in traffic. Bring your bicycle and helmet as they are required to participate.	JUNE 11, JULY 15, OR AUGUST 15	6:00 - 8:30 PM	201 MARKET AVE SW	SINGLE CLASS: \$20

5K TRAINING PROGRAM

2 RUNS A WEEK FOR 6 WEEKS, 10 FITNESS CLASSES, AND 1 RACE DAY

CLASS	DAY(S)	TIME(S)	LOCATION(S)
The 5K training program meets twice a week (Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings) beginning July 23 and ending September 8. In addition, our running expert will hold "chalk talks" before Saturday runs to provide vital information on running topics (shoes, stretching, nutrition, clothing, hydration). Each participant receives a fitness punch card to attend 10 fitness classes throughout the time period to incorporate cross training in your program. Race fee included.	TUESDAYS, JUL 23 - SEP 10	6:00 PM START	START/FINISH AT
	SATURDAYS, JUL 27 - SEP 8	8:30 AM START	201 MARKET AVE SW
	RACE DAY - SEP 15	TBD	PARKS & REC OFFICES

SELF DEFENSE

CLASS	DAY(S)	TIME(S)	LOCATION(S)
This class will cover awareness and avoidance techniques, basic blocking, punching and kicking, effective throws and grappling techniques, escape techniques from grabs and holds, identifying exit routes after escaping and more.	TUESDAYS JUNE 18, 25, JULY 9, 16 (NO CLASS ON JULY 2)	7:00 - 8:00 PM	P&R FITNESS STUDIO

Resident Non

Resident

\$60

Registration Fee

Non

\$70

Registration Fee \$40 \$50





General Information

- Ages 18 & up (all fitness levels welcome) for adult fitness
- Classes begin the week of June 17 and run for 10 weeks
- We suggest bringing a Yoga mat and water bottle to each class
- Cancelled classes will be announced on the recreation update line at 616.456.3699 or on Facebook
- You are encouraged to consult with a physician prior to beginning an exercise program

Three ways to register



ONLINE grandrapidsmi.gov/recreation



BY PHONE 616.456.3696, option #1



IN PERSON 201 Market Ave SW

Two ways to save

- 1) Multiple classes equal a reduced rate!
- 2) Early bird-register between May 6-May 31

Register between May 6 - May 31

F	Resident	Nonresident	
1 class per week	\$59	\$69	
2 classes per week	\$89	\$99	
3 classes per week	\$119	\$129	

Register on May 31, 2019 or after

Resi	dent N	lonresident
1 class per week	\$69	\$79
2 classes per week	\$99	\$109
3 classes per week 3	\$129	\$139

Looking for flexibility?



Adult Fitness Punchcards

Purchase a punchcard and attend any of the classes listed with the **P** symbol. You may also use a punch to bring along a family member or friend to try a class, as long as you are present. Cards cannot be transferred and all attendees must sign a waiver before participating.

Reg#	# of Classes	Fee	Fee
	/Punches	Resident	Nonresident
166000A	5	\$42	\$52
166000B	10	\$72	\$82
166000C	20	\$102	\$112
166000D	30	\$132	\$142

FREE COMMUNITY CLASSES



Through a partnership with Downtown Grand Rapids Inc., Mobile GR and Priority Health, we're offering free outdoor fitness classes for ages 18+. Simply show up to class and have fun! Free classes run June 17 - August 23.

CLASS	DAY(S)	TIME(S)	LOCATION(S)
ZUMBA (DESCRIPTION AT BOTTOM OF PAGE)	MON	5:30 - 6:15 PM	ROSA PARKS CIRCLE
YOGA (DESCRIPTION PAGE 7)	MON TUE TUE WED THU	12:15 - 1:00 PM 6:15 - 7:00 AM 7:00 - 7:45 PM 5:30 - 6:15 PM 7:15 - 8:00 PM	SIXTH STREET PARK INDIAN TRAILS GOLF COURSE LOOKOUT/RESERVOIR PARK BLUE BRIDGE MLK PARK
POUND (DESCRIPTION PAGE 7)	TUE	5:30 - 6:15 PM	BLUE BRIDGE
GROOVE (DESCRIPTION AT BOTTOM OF PAGE)	THU	6:00 - 6:45 PM	GILLETT BRIDGE
TAI CHI EASY™ A series of intentional movements and deep breathing will help you manage stress and increase your vitality.	FRI	7:00 - 7:45 PM	BRIGGS PARK
SoulfulMOTION Join us for an exciting class of fitness and inspiration! This is a Christian-centered HIIT class set to Christian and inspirational music. Designed for anyone, regardless of age or fitness level.	WED	6:30 - 7:15 PM	BLUE BRIDGE
CUBAN STYLE SALSA Learn the basics of Cuban-style salsa dancing, Casino and Rueda de Casino, and some of the more fundamental Afro-Cuban rhythms. A partner is recommended, not required.	FRI	7:00 - 8:00 PM	ROSA PARKS CIRCLE

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Register online: grandrapidsmi.gov/recreation

CLASSES RUN FOR 10 WEEKS STARTING THE WEEK OF JUNE 17

CLASS	DAY(S)	TIME(S)	LOCATION(S)	INSTRUCTOR
CYCLING P Reach your fitness goals while building leg and core strength! Powerful music and pace-setting instruction helps you climb steep hills, move across flat road and master intense intervals.	MON	6:00 - 6:45 PM	P&R CYCLING STUDIO	CAROL S.

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CLASS	DAY(S)	TIME(S)	LOCATION(S)	INSTRUCTOR
BALLROOM DANCING				
Learn the Salsa, Waltz, Foxtrot, East Coast Swing, Cha Cha, Rumba, and Tango.	MON	7:30 - 8:25 PM	P&R FITNESS STUDIO	JULIE G.
BALLROOM DANCING: THE NEXT STEPS				
A follow-up to Ballroom Dancing. Continue practicing basic dances and learn new moves to add flair!	FRI	4:30 - 5:25 PM	P&R FITNESS STUDIO	JULIE G.
GROOVE P				
Sweat away stress and dance some joy into your heart while following simple steps and easy toning moves. Groove is perfect for anyone who wants to add some fun into their current workout routine.	WED	5:30 - 6:25 PM	P&R FITNESS STUDIO	TERRI S.
ZUMBA P				
A fusion of Latin and International music. This class combines high-energy and motivating music with unique moves and combinations.	THU	6:30 - 7:25 PM	P&R FITNESS STUDIO	AMY K.





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CLASS	DAY(S)	TIME(S)	LOCATION(S)	INSTRUCTOR
BASIC YOGA P				
Discover your inner yogi in a class that builds strength and body awareness. Begin with gentle stretching and move to flowing through and holding poses. Class will come to a restful end.	MON	6:30 - 7:25 PM	P&R FITNESS STUDIO	KAYE/KRISTA
GENTLE YOGA P				
A balanced practice that will center you, leaving your body feeling open and relaxed. Basic poses and a slower flow unlock body tension, strengthen your core and help you tune into personal peace.	TUE THU	9:00 - 9:55 AM 9:00 - 9:55 AM	P&R FITNESS STUDIO P&R FITNESS STUDIO	TERRI S. TERRI S.
OUTDOOR YOGA P				
Discover your inner yogi in a class that builds strength and body awareness. Begin with gentle stretching and move to flowing through and holding poses. Class will come to a restful end.	MON	6:00 - 6:55 PM	RIVERSIDE PARK	BETH/SARA
QIGONG P				
Pronounced "chee kung", this qigong practice will be a very gentle movement class, focusing on harnessing the power of our own mind, correcting postural imbalances, and combining movement with breath. We will practice standing, seated, and/or lying down. This practice is accessible to anyone seeking to bring healing energy into their life.	WED	10:00 - 10:55 AM	P&R FITNESS STUDIO	ALESHEIA

CARDIO & STRENGTH

CLASSES RUN FOR 10 WEEKS STARTING THE WEEK OF JUNE 17

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CLASS	DAY(S)	TIME(S)	LOCATION(S)	INSTRUCTOR	
BOOTCAMP (P)					
Get ready to push yourself harder than you would on your own. With a mix of strength and cardio, this class is developed to help you improve your body composition, strength and endurance. Each week's workout will vary, challenging your body in different ways.	MON	5:30 - 6:25 PM	P&R FITNESS STUDIO	JULIE D.	
KICKBOXING P					
Mix up your routine with balance, coordination and strength-building moves. Strengthen your legs, upper body, abs and burn calories.	TUE	6:00 - 6:55 PM	P&R FITNESS STUDIO	AILEEN M.	
Using Ripstix®, lightly weighted drumsticks engineered specifically for exercising, POUND® transforms drumming into an incredibly effective way of working out. Instead of listening to music, you become the music in this exhilarating full-body workout that combines cardio, conditioning and strength training with yoga and pilates-inspired movements. Designed for all fitness levels, POUND® provides the perfect atmosphere for letting loose, getting energized, toning up and rockin' out! The workout is easily modifiable, and the alternative vibe and welcoming philosophy appeals to men and women of all ages and abilities. POUND® approved sticks required for everyone. Punch card holders must have their own Ripstix®. Ripstix® available at registration for \$20.	THU	5:30 - 6:15 PM	P&R FITNESS STUDIO	KRISTIN P.	
STRONG BY ZUMBA P A non dance-based workout combining high intensity interval training (HIIT), body-weight exercises and cardio moves. In every class, music and moves sync in a way that push you past your limits and reach your fitness goals.	WED	6:30 - 7:25 PM	P&R FITNESS STUDIO	AMY K.	
WATER AEROBICS P Build core strength, conditioning, endurance and all-over toning. Class features deep and shallow water exercises. A great low/non-impact workout. Float belts are available.	MON THU	6:30 - 7:25 PM 6:30 - 7:25 PM	RICHMOND POOL BRIGGS POOL	KATHLEEN H. KATHLEEN H.	

Grand Rapids Welcomes a Wave of Exciting Water Features for Summer 2019

Warmer weather is here, which means summer and pool season are around the corner.

Grand Rapids is home to many water features, including public pools, splash pads, lakes, rivers and streams. Thanks to the City's parks millage, the Parks and Recreation Department has made significant progress on various water projects around the city that will help residents cool off during the hot and humid summer months.

"Summertime in Grand Rapids offers many opportunities to get outside and enjoy the City's pools and natural water resources," said David Marquardt, the City's parks and recreation director. "Over the past year, we have updated and renovated various water features throughout our parks and increased accessibility to the Grand River and Plaster Creek. We're excited to bring these new aquatic activities and features to the community."

Water feature updates around the city

Over the past several years, there has been a significant reinvestment through repairs and replacing water features across the city. Obsolete wading pools were replaced with more sustainable splash pads that use less water and don't require staffing, including those at Campau Park, Cherry Park, Fuller Park, Highland Park, Lincoln Park and Wilcox Park.

The City also replaced aging splash pads at Aberdeen Park and Mary Waters Park and will replace the Alger Park splash pad this summer. A new splash pad that doubles as a community plaza was added at Roosevelt Park in 2015 to meet the long, unmet need for a water feature in Southwest Grand Rapids.

Natural water recreation enhancements

The Parks and Recreation Department is committed to increasing access to community natural water resources, such as the Grand River and Plaster Creek. Through the parks millage and support from various grants, the City announced plans for projects that will help ensure all residents can enjoy natural water resources throughout the community.

In February, the Parks and Recreation department announced plans for a universal-access canoe and kayak

launch at Riverside Park that will replace the old dock. The new launch will feature guide rails for easy access in and out of the water, launch rollers for easy movement of the water craft and a transfer bench for easy transfer from wheelchairs to watercraft. This project is supported by a \$150,000 Michigan Department of Natural Resources Recreation Passport grant and \$80,000 from the parks millage.

Starting April 26, spring and summer kayak rentals will be available at Riverside Park Lagoon. Residents can enjoy kayaking Friday through Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. Cost is \$8 for one hour and \$6 for each additional hour. For more information, visit grandrapidsmi.gov and search "kayak."

This spring, the City also announced it was awarded a \$150,000 Great Urban Parks campaign grant by the National Recreation and Park Association. The funding will be used for stormwater infrastructure enhancements at Ken-O-Sha Park and Plaster Creek Trail in 2020 to increase green space, educational opportunities and accessibility. The grant also will fund the employment of local youth through the City's GReen Stewards program, which gives youth hands-on experience with natural resource management and beautification projects along Plaster Creek.

The City has contracted with Wilderness Inquiry for the third consecutive year to bring Canoemobile to the Grand River. Wilderness Inquiry is an organization that travels the country with the goal of bringing hands-on, water-based learning opportunities to urban students. The canoeing sessions, which are scheduled for May 6-13, allow for nearly 1,140 GRPS students to engage in a wide variety of outdoor land and river activities, including paddling nine-passenger canoes on the Grand River, learning about the waterway, water quality testing, nature hiking, cultural history lessons and more.

"We are fortunate to have support from residents and organizations that have helped make these water projects a reality for our community," Marquardt said. "Pools, splash pads, lakes, rivers and streams all play a part in recreation, wellness and education, and we are thrilled to increase access to these resources throughout Grand Rapids."

Outdoor Pools and Splash Pads Open June 3 - August 17

Pool Admission

Youth residents (under 18): \$1 Adult residents (18+): \$2 All nonresidents: \$4

Richmond Pool

Open Swim Hours

Mon - 1:00-5:00 PM Tue - Sat - 1:00-7:00 PM Sun - 12:00-4:00 PM

Briggs Pool

Open Swim Hours

Mon - Wed - 1:00-7:00 PM Thu - 1:00-5:00 PM Fri - Sat - 1:00-7:00 PM Sun - 12:00-4:00 PM

Martin Luther King, Jr. Pool

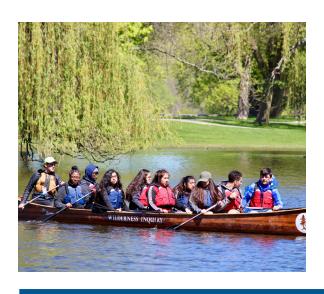
Open Swim Hours

Mon - 1:00-7:00 PM Tue - 1:00-5:00 PM Wed-Sat - 1:00-7:00 PM Sun - 12:00-4:00 PM

Splash Pads

Open 7 days a week 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM

For locations and additional details, search aquatics at www.grandrapidsmi.gov









SWIM LESSONS 🙆

April 2019

Resident Non

Registration Fee: \$38 \$48

SESSION I: CLASS MEETS ONCE PER WEEK FROM JUNE 24 - AUG 3	DAY(S)	TIME(S)	LOCATION(S)
PARENT/CHILD (AGES 6-18 MONTHS) Parents and children learn together to increase a child's comfort level in the water. Build a foundation of basic skills such as arm and leg movements and breath control.	MON TUE THU	5:30 - 6:00 PM 5:30 - 6:00 PM 5:30 - 6:00 PM	RICHMOND MLK BRIGGS
PRESCHOOL LEVEL I (AGES 3-5) Orients children in the pool and helps them gain basic aquatic skills.	MON TUE THU	5:30 - 6:00 PM 5:30 - 6:00 PM 5:30 - 6:00 PM	RICHMOND MLK BRIGGS
PRESCHOOL LEVEL II (AGES 3-5) Kids gain greater independence in their skills and get more comfortable in the water.	MON TUE THU	5:30 - 6:00 PM 5:30 - 6:00 PM 5:30 - 6:00 PM	RICHMOND MLK BRIGGS
LEVEL I (AGES 6+) Helps kids feel comfortable in the water.	MON TUE THU	6:00 - 6:45 PM 6:00 - 6:45 PM 6:00 - 6:45 PM	RICHMOND MLK BRIGGS
LEVEL II (AGES 6+) Child must have passed or show skills required for Level I. Class builds on fundamental skills.	MON TUE THU	6:00 - 6:45 PM 6:00 - 6:45 PM 6:00 - 6:45 PM	RICHMOND MLK BRIGGS
LEVEL III (AGES 6+) Child must have passed or show skills required for Level II. Builds on the skills in Level II through more guided practice in deeper water.	MON TUE THU	6:00 - 6:45 PM 6:00 - 6:45 PM 6:00 - 6:45 PM	RICHMOND MLK BRIGGS
LEVEL IV (AGES 6+) Develops confidence in the skills learned and improves other aquatic skills. Must have passed Level III or demonstrate the skills required for Level III to participate.	MON TUE THU	6:45 - 7:30 PM 6:45 - 7:30 PM 6:45 - 7:30 PM	RICHMOND MLK BRIGGS
LEVEL V (AGES 6+) Provides further coordination and refinement of strokes. Must have passed Level IV or demonstrate the skills required for Level IV to participate.	MON TUE THU	6:45 - 7:30 PM 6:45 - 7:30 PM 6:45 - 7:30 PM	RICHMOND MLK BRIGGS
LEVEL VI (AGES 6+) Refines strokes to swim with ease, efficiency, power and smoothness over greater distances. Must have passed Level V or demonstrate the skills required for Level V to participate.	MON TUE THU	6:45 - 7:30 PM 6:45 - 7:30 PM 6:45 - 7:30 PM	RICHMOND MLK BRIGGS
SESSION II: CLASS MEETS 4 TIMES PER WEEK FROM JULY 8 - JULY 19 AND SESSION III: CLASS MEETS 4 TIMES PER WEEK FROM JULY 22 - AUG 2	DAY(S)	TIME(S)	LOCATION(S)
PARENT/CHILD (AGES 6-18 MONTHS) Parents and children learn together to increase a child's comfort level in the water. Build a foundation of basic skills such as arm and leg movements and breath control.	MON - THU	12:00 - 12:30 PM	RICHMOND MLK BRIGGS
PRESCHOOL LEVEL I (AGES 3-5) Orients children in the pool and helps them gain basic aquatic skills.	MON - THU	12:00 - 12:30 PM	RICHMOND MLK BRIGGS
PRESCHOOL LEVEL II (AGES 3-5) Kids gain greater independence in their skills and get more comfortable in the water.	MON - THU	NOON - 12:30 PM	RICHMOND MLK BRIGGS
LEVEL I (AGES 6+) Helps kids feel comfortable in the water.	MON - THU	11:15 AM - NOON	RICHMOND MLK BRIGGS
LEVEL II (AGES 6+) Child must have passed or show skills required for Level I. Class builds on fundamental skills.	MON - THU	11:15 AM - NOON	RICHMOND MLK BRIGGS
LEVEL III (AGES 6+) Child must have passed or show skills required for Level II. Builds on the skills in Level II through more guided practice in deeper water.	MON - THU	11:15 AM - NOON	RICHMOND MLK BRIGGS
LEVEL IV (AGES 6+) Develops confidence in the skills learned and improves other aquatic skills. Must have passed Level III or demonstrate the skills required for Level III to participate.	MON - THU	10:30 - 11:15 AM	RICHMOND MLK BRIGGS
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Indian Trails Golf Course (2776 Kalamazoo Ave SE) is a First Tee teaching facility. The First Tee provides educational programs that build character, instill lifeenhancing values and promote healthy choices through the game of golf. Classes and lessons are taught by PGA Professional Andre Pillow. Equipment is included, or feel free to bring your own. Learn more about lessons and register at grandrapidsmi.gov/recreation

CLASS	DAY(S)	TIME(S)		
ADULT MIXERS		MAY 3		
Golf Clinics designed to be fun for business professionals in West Michigan. Come alone or with friends to enjoy learning golf in a fun, light-hearted environment.	MAY 3, JUN 1, JUN 15, JUL 13, AUG 24	7:30 - 8:30 PM ALL OTHERS,		
\$45 per person (1 hour of instruction, 2 drink tickets)		6:30 - 7:30 PM		
ADULT BOOT CAMP				
For adult men and women. Multiple day golf clinics designed to transform your golf game! Work on golf drills, golf instruction with Q and A, video taping with an emailed analysis! Take advantage of real golf instruction with 1-on-1 instruction and tips. Learn about all four swings and course management.	MAY 3-5, JUN 28-30, AUG 9-11	DAY 1, 5:00 - 7:00 PM DAY 2, 2:00 - 4:00 PM DAY 3, 2:00 - 4:00 PM		
\$125 per person (6 hours of instruction over 3 days)				
ADULT 1-DAY CLINIC				
Golf Instruction covering all major swings, course management, and anxiety control. Different themes and topics each week.	MAY 17 (6-7:30 PM), JUN 14 (7-8:30 PM), SEP 20 (6	JUL 26 (5-7:30 PM),		
\$45 per person (1.5 hours of instruction)	321 20 (0	7.561 14)		
WOMEN'S 1-DAY CLINIC				
These clinics cover basic skills and is designed to be informative for beginner to advanced golfers.	MAY 18, JUN 14, JUL 27, AUG 23	ALL DATES 5:00 - 6:30 PM		
\$45 per person (1.5 hours of instruction)	JUL 27, AUG 23	5.00 - 6.30 PM		
WOMEN, WINE, & WEDGES		FIRST 5 DATES		
This is a fun, worry-free atmosphere to learn the game of golf. Gain an introduction to golf instruction and Indian Trails Golf Course through a different golf focus each week.	MAY 4, 31, JUN 29, JUL 12, AUG 10, SEP 6, 21	6:00 - 7:00 PM LAST 2 DATES		
\$45 per person (1 hour of instruction, 2 drink tickets)		5:00 - 6:00 PM		
WOMEN'S BOOT CAMP (2-DAY CLINIC)				
Multiple day golf clinics designed to transform your golf game! Work on golf drills, golf instruction with Q and A, video taping with emailed analysis! Take advantage of professional golf instruction with some 1-on-1 instruction and tips. Two-day women's clinic to cover all four major swings.	JUN 1-2, JUL 13-14, SEP 7-8	ALL DATES 1:00 - 2:30 PM		
\$75 per person (3 hours of instruction over 2 days)	ours of instruction over 2 days)			
COUPLE'S CLINIC				
Designed to be like a date night or couple activity. There is a different golf focus each time. Games and activities to do as a couple is the focus. Fun at the course with your significant other!	MAY 19 (6:30-8 PM), JUN 28 (7:30-9 PM), JUL 26 (7:30-9 PM), AUG 9 (7:30-9 PM), SEP 6 (6:30-8 PM), SEP 21 (6:30-8 PM)			
\$30 per person (1.5 hours of instruction)	3E1 0 (0.30 0 1 1-1),	321 21 (0.30 01 14)		
JUNIOR 1-DAY CLINIC				
Two stations per clinic, different each time, designed to be fun and informative for youth.	MAY 4, MAY 18, JUN 15, JUN 29, SEP 7	ALL DATES 10:00 - 11:30 AM		
\$40 per person (1.5 hours of instruction)	JUN 27, 3LF 7	10.00 11.30 AM		
JUNIOR 2-DAY BOOTCAMP				
Multiple day golf clinics designed to transform your child's golf game! Work on golf drills, golf instruction with Q and A, video taping with emailed analysis! Discover all four major golf swings, games and activities with some 1-on-1 instruction. We will send emailed video of your child's swing!	JUN 1-2, JUL 27-28, AUG 24-25	ALL DATES 10:00 - 11:30 AM		
\$75 per person (3 hours instruction over 2 days)				
JUNIOR GIRLS' CLINIC				
Designed to be fun and informative for young girls interested improving their golf game.	AUG 11	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM		
\$50 per person (2 hours of instruction)				



JOIN US FOR THE 3RD ANNUAL COMMUNITY FORE KIDS GOLF OUTING!

Give back on the green with an 18 hole scramble to benefit 18 and under! All proceeds from this event will support recreation programming for underserved youth in Grand Rapids.

DATE/TIME: June 7 at 9:00 am REGISTER: indiantrailsgc.org/cfk **WEAREGR** Youth Activities April 2019

Register online: grandrapidsmi.gov/recreation 🔀

Registration Fee

Resident

\$0

Non

\$10





(AGES 6-16)

We've partnered with West Michigan Community Tennis to provide youth tennis lessons at three city parks. Lessons are based on USTA's Net Generation curriculum, which builds players' confidence and skills with age and size appropriate equipment, balls, games, and more. Lessons are free for residents, but pre-registration is required.

SESSION	AGE GROUP	TIME(S)	LOCATION(S)
SESSION I: MONDAY - THURSDAY, JUNE 10 - 27	AGES 6 - 8 AGES 9 - 11 AGES 12-16 AGES 6 - 8 AGES 9 - 11 AGES 12-16	9:00 - 10:00 AM 10:00 - 11:00 AM 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM 12:00 - 1:00 PM 1:00 - 2:00 PM	UNION HS OR ABERDEEN PARK UNION HS OR ABERDEEN PARK UNION HS OR ABERDEEN PARK MLK PARK MLK PARK MLK PARK
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Resident Non Registration Fee \$42 \$52

CLASS	DAY(S)	TIME(S)	LOCATION(S)
PRINCESS BALLET (AGES 3-5)			
Stretch your imagination and your toes in the storybook dance class based on dances from your favorite fairy tales and ballet stories. Your child will explore elements of creative movement, ballet and jazz in this delightful trip to an enchanted kingdom. Ends with recital.	THURSDAYS JUN 20 - JUL 25	11:00 AM - 11:45 AM	201 MARKET AVE

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Resident Non \$79 \$89 Registration Fee

CLASS	DAY(S)	TIME(S)	LOCATION(S)
OLYMPIC FENCING CAMP (AGES 7-17)			
Take your first step to becoming an Olympian. These camps are for individuals with little or no fencing experience. By participating in various games, campers will have fun and become acquainted with fencing stance, movement, strategies and rules. This could be your first step to becoming an Olympic Fencer.	TUES - THURS JUNE 18-20 AUGUST 13-15 AUGUST 13-15	3:30 - 5:00 PM 1:00 - 2:30 PM 6:00 - 7:30 PM	WEST MICHIGAN FENCING ACADEMY

SOCCER (

Resident Non \$45 \$55 Registration Fee

CLASS	DAY(S)	TIME(S)	LOCATION(S)
SOCCER CAMP (AGES 5-14)			
Participants will learn ball work, dribbling, shooting, passing and control. Skills will be taught using drills, games and competitions. Teamwork, sportsmanship and safety will be emphasized.	MON - THU JUNE 24 - 27	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	MACKAY JAYCEE PARK

RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT FEES:

You are a resident if you reside within the City of Grand Rapids' boundaries. Nonresidents are welcome to participate but are charged a slightly higher fee.

REFUND POLICY:

A full refund is granted until the Early Bird Registration Deadline listed on the registration form. A \$5 cancellation fee will be charged if the refund is requested after the early bird registration deadline but prior to the first session of a class. If a refund is granted to a participant who registered online, the convenience fee will not be refunded

A pro-rated refund will be granted when a program participant is unable to complete a program due to illness, injury or relocation.

A full refund is granted when Parks and Recreation cancels a class due to low enrollment. However, the online convenience fee is non-refundable.

CANCELLATIONS:

If a class or program is cancelled due to weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances, an announcement will be made on the recreation program update/ cancellation line at 616-456-3699. Please call this number if you have any question as to whether classes will be held. This line is updated on a regular basis so call before you head out to any class or program.

FEE ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE:

Reduced fees are available for Grand Rapids residents who qualify. Applications may be obtained by visiting www.grandrapidsmi.gov or by calling 616.456.3696. Applications must be submitted prior to the deadline for processing.

CLASS LOCATIONS:

Aberdeen Park - 2230 Eastern Ave NE Blue Bridge - Downtown Grand Rapids Briggs Park - 350 Knapp St NE Garfield Park Gym - 2111 Madison Ave SE Gillett Bridge - Downtown Grand Rapids Indian Trails Golf Course - 2776 Kalamazoo Ave SE Lookout/Reservoir Park - 801 Fairview NE MacKay/Jaycee Park - 2531 Kalamazoo Ave SE Martin Luther King Park - 900 Fuller Ave SE P&R Cycling Studio - 201 Market Ave SW P&R Fitness Studio - 201 Market Ave SW Riverside Park -2001 Monroe Ave NW Rosa Parks Circle - 135 Monroe Center SW Sixth Street Park - 647 Monroe Ave NW Union High School - 1800 Tremont Blvd NW West MI Fencing Academy - 1111 Godfrey Ave SW

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Reading to your child from birth not only helps your child's brain grow, it also creates a wonderful bond between the two of you.

Baby & Me

0 - 18 months

Bring your babies and bounce along to fun stories, songs, and rhymes! Baby & Me is a 15-minute long storytime, followed by a relaxed playtime where baby and you will meet new friends.

Mondays, June 3 – 24, July 8 – 22 11:00 am | Main Library

Wednesdays, June 5 – 26, July 10 – 24 11:00 am | Yankee Clipper Branch



Pajama Time

Families with children 5 years and under

Come explore learning through fun stories, movement, and music activities in this evening storytime! Pajama Time is a 30-minute long storytime followed by a hands-on activity and playtime. Wear your pajamas and get those wiggles out before bed!

Mondays, June 3 – 24, July 8 – 22 6:30 pm | Main Library

Summer Storytimes for FamiliesFamilies with children 5 years and under

Parents and caregivers are invited to bring their children 18-months to 5 years old to this 45-minute class featuring hands-on, literacy rich activities such as stories, songs, fingerplays, and hands-on fun. Classes end with a fun and creative art activity. Wednesdays, June 5 – 26, July 10 – 24

11:00 am | West Leonard Branch Thursdays, June 6 – 27, July 11 – 25 10:30 am | Seymour Branch Thursdays, June 6 – 27, July 11 – 25

11:00 am | Yankee Clipper Branch



Let's Play

Families with children 5 years and under

Let's Play is a four-week program for children 0-5 and their parents or caregivers and focuses on child-driven play. Children will explore different types of play. Each week an early childhood specialist will be available to answer questions parents may have about their child's development. Families are encouraged to attend all four sessions.

Tuesdays, August 6 – 27 11:00 am | West Leonard Branch 6:30 pm | West Leonard Branch Wednesdays, August 7 – 28 10:30 am | Seymour Branch 12:00 pm | West Side Branch

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Dates and Locations:

Mondays & Wednesdays, June 3 - 26, July 8 - 31

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm | Main Library For high school students only

Tuesdays & Thursdays, June 4 – 27, July 2 – August 1

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm | Main Library For middle and high school girls only Sponsored by:





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2019 Summer Reading Challenge

Memorial Day – Labor Day | All Library Locations

The Grand Rapids Public Library's Summer Reading Challenge is a free and fun way to inspire your child to read! Kids challenge themselves to read a certain number of books or to read a certain number of minutes during the summer. Studies show that children who read during the summer maintain their reading levels when they return to school in the fall. The Summer Reading Challenge keeps kids motivated to read with interactive events, prizes, and team spirit. Sign up by visiting grpl.org/summerreading or any GRPL location.

Free Events for Kids



Blast Off Into Summer Reading! Saturday, June 1 10:00 am - 1:00 pm - Main Library



Food in Space
Tuesday, June 11
10:30 am – Main Library
2:00 pm – West Leonard Branch
Wednesday, June 12
10:30 am – Seymour Branch

3:00 pm – Yankee Clipper Branch

6:30 pm – Main Library



Exotic Zoo

Tuesday, June 18
10:30 am – Main Library
2:00 pm – West Leonard Branch
Wednesday, June 19
10:30 am – Seymour Branch
3:00 pm – Yankee Clipper Branch
6:30 pm – Main Library



Reginald Pettibone's Native American Dance and Cultural Program

Tuesday, June 25 10:30 am – Main Library 2:00 pm – West Leonard Branch Wednesday, June 26 10:30 am – Seymour Branch 3:00 pm – Yankee Clipper Branch 6:30 pm – Main Library



Comedy Magic with Cameron Zvara

Tuesday, July 9
10:30 am – Main Library
2:00 pm – West Leonard Branch
Wednesday, July 10
10:30 am – Seymour Branch
3:00 pm – Yankee Clipper Branch
6:30 pm – Main Library

Comic Geek Out

Saturday, July 13 10:00 am - 1:00 pm - Main Library



ScribbleMonster

Tuesday, July 16 10:30 am – Main Library 2:00 pm – West Leonard Branch Wednesday, July 17 10:30 am – Seymour Branch 3:00 pm – Yankee Clipper Branch 6:30 pm – Main Library

Final Approach at the Public Museum

Saturday, July 27 10:00 am – Grand Rapids Public Museum 272 Pearl St NW

Events for Teens

The Art of Book Folding Thursday, June 20 11:00 am – Main Library



Make Space for Honeybees Thursday, July 11 2:00 pm – Main Library



Comic Geek Out Saturday, July 13 10:00 am – 1:00 pm – Main Library



Modern Pop Art Experience and Collage Workshop

Thursday, July 25 2:00 pm – Main Library

Sponsored by:



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LOCATIONS & HOURS

Main Library

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M-Th 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM F-Sat 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM Sun 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM (Sunday hours Labor Day to Memorial Day)

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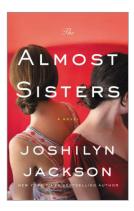


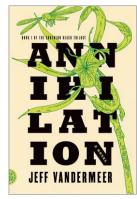
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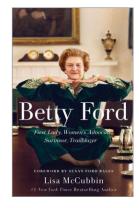
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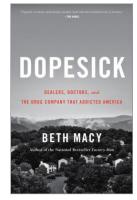
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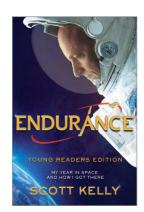
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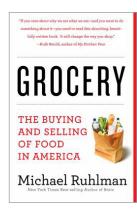


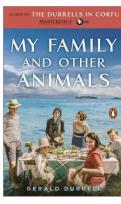




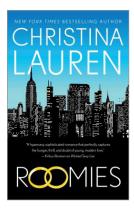












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Memorial Day Closings

The following branches will be closed on Saturday, May 25, 2019:

- Madison Square Branch
- Ottawa Hills Branch
- Van Belkum Branch
- West Side Branch

All library locations will be closed on Sunday, May 26 and Monday, May 27, 2019.

Closed on Summer Sundays

The Main Library is closed on Sundays in the summer beginning on Sunday, May 26 (Memorial Day weekend).

Sunday hours at the Main Library (1:00 – 5:00 pm) will resume on Sunday, September 8, 2019.

Fourth of July Closings

All library locations will be closed on Thursday, July 4, 2019.

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These programs are suitable for ages 50+, however, everyone is welcome to participate. In addition to these classes, monthly community activities such as card games, book club and knitting are available. Stop in to pick up a monthly calendar of activities or to check out any of our classes. Find more information at grandrpaidsmi.gov, keyword "50+" or by calling 616-456-3696, option 1. Please note: classes will not be held on July 4 or August 6.

PROGRAM	DAY(S)	TIME(S)	PRICE
STRETCH AND FLEX	MONDAYS		
Stretch and flex is focused on increasing strength, balance and flexibility. The class begins with chair exercises and light hand weights. A great class for men and women! Classes are drop-in and ongoing.	WEDNESDAYS	10:00 - 10:55 AM	\$3/CLASS
ACTIVE ADULTS FITNESS	TUESDAYS	11:30 AM - 12:25 PM	\$3/CLASS
Class includes a warm-up, standing cardio and strength training. Classes are drop-in and ongoing.	THURSDAYS	11.00 AIN 12.20 TH	φο/ σελοσ
WALKING CLUB	MON - THU	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	FREE
Walk your way to health and meet new friends. You can walk in the Garfield Park Community Gym or in the park.	MON IIIO	11.00 AM 12.00 FM	INLL
LUNCHTIME PICKLE BALL	TUESDAYS	12:30 -2:30 PM	
Get together to play this great court game! Never played? We'll teach you! We have equipment for new players to use. Come see what Pickleball is all about.	WEDNESDAYS	NOON -2:00 PM	FREE
OPEN LOBBY	MONDAYS	11:00 AM -12:00 PM	FREE
Join us for open lobby every Monday and Wednesday! Equipment for horseshoes, frisbee golf, card games, and more.	WEDNESDAYS	11.00 AM -12.00 PM	FREE

ENRICHMENT CLASSES 💬

Register online: grandrapidsmi.gov/recreation

CLASS	DATE(S)	TIME(S)	LOCATION(S)
BEGINNER KAYAKING	IIINE 12	6:00 - 8:00 PM	
Learn the basics of Kayaking. From basic safety and wearing a flotation device to launching and paddling. All equipment included.	JUNE 13 JULY 11 AUGUST 8	6:00 - 8:00 PM 6:00 - 8:00 PM 6:00 - 8:00 PM	RICHMOND PARK POND
Ages 10+, Resident: \$50, Non: \$60			
BEGINNER STAND UP PADDLE BOARDING			
Want to gain the skill and experience necessary to pilot a paddleboard by yourself? Join us this summer to learn how! All equipment included.	JULY 27 AUGUST 22	6:00 - 8:00 PM 6:00 - 8:00 PM	RICHMOND PARK POND
Ages 10+, Resident: \$50, Non: \$60			
JUNIOR LIFEGUARDING	MONDAYS JULY 8 - 29	5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	RICHMOND POOL
Get a foundation of knowledge, attitude and skills required to become a certified lifeguard. You will participate in classroom lessons, swimming skills, and in-water rescue techniques. You will not receive lifeguard certification – this class builds the foundation to help become certified at age 15. Intermediate swimming skills are recommended.	MON-THU JULY 15 - 18	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	BRIGGS POOL
Ages 11-14, Resident: \$0, Non: \$25	MON-THU JULY 22 - 25	10:00 AM - 12:0 PM	MLK POOL

KAYAK RENTALS

We'll be offering kayak rentals at the Riverside Park Lagoon starting April 26!

Pricing (cash only)

\$8 for the first hour

\$6 for each additional hour

Location & Hours

Riverside Park

Fridays, 4:00 - 8:00 pm

Saturdays & Sundays, 12:00 - 4:00 pm

Age Restrictions

Kayakers must be 16 years old or older to kayak alone

Kayakers between 10-15 years old must have an adult kayaking at the same time as them

Learn more: grandrapidsmi.gov, search "Kayak"